

Whereas, It is appropriate to recognize those South Dakotans who have distinguished themselves in service to the citizens of the state; and,

Whereas, June C. Larson has been a respected faculty member and mentor of students at The University of South Dakota (USD) Nursing Department since 1980; and,

Whereas, June was elected to national membership in the National League for Nursing (NLN) Executive Committee of Nursing Education Advisory Council in 2006, being elected Committee Chairperson from 2007-2009; and,

Whereas, June was paramount in the USD Nursing program becoming one of three inaugural programs nationally; USD was chosen for designation as a NLN "Center of Excellence" for "Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development" from 2004 to 2007, with continuing designation from 2007 to 2010; and,

Whereas, In September 2008, June was inducted as a fellow into the prestigious NLN Academy of Nursing Education, and has served on the South Dakota Board of Nursing from 2003 to the present, serving as president for 2 years; and,

Whereas, Through her insight and creative partnerships, June has raised enormous amounts of grant funding to implement programs such as the creation of the Lakota Worldview CD and web-based Nightingale Virtual Skills Lab; and,

Whereas, On May 14, 2009, The University of South Dakota Department of Nursing will gather to recognize June's accomplishments and contributions:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2009, as

JUNE C. LARSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State